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IMAGES is the newsletter of the Redeemer College Alumni Association. It is designed to be a source of information for all former students and graduates of Redeemer College.

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Alumni Camping...

watch for it!

Campus Prank



Resident students were left shoeless following a recent campus prank. Here are some of the 600 highjacked pairs.

President's Perspective

There are certain matters which will always be before us at Redeemer College. These need our careful consideration and deliberation, and above all, much prayer. Faculty recruitment, student recruitment, fundraising, budgets and other matters require our constant attention.

One item may be resolved very soon; that is our request to the government for a charter change. As you know, three years ago we approached the government and asked them for two things. We asked for a change to our degree-granting powers, meaning that we wanted to grant general degrees, such as the B.A and B. Sc. The second request was that we change our name to reflect the university programs being given at the College. During all this time our request has been with the Ministry and the Ontario Council on University Affairs. (O.C.U.A.).

Behind the scenes much work has been done. We have maintained frequent contact with the O.C.U.A., the Minister of Colleges and Universities, and with our M.P.P. There is reason to believe that sometime this year these matters may be concluded successfully. We are excited about this turn of events. Please pray with us so that the hearts of those who decide may be moved to make the requested changes.

This year we are receiving many more applications from prospective students than we have in previous years. Slowly but surely the community is becoming aware that Redeemer College is committed to excellence in post-secondary education. The impression that we are a small college is gradually disappearing as more than 300 students roam our halls in a given day. We are looking forward to an increased enrollment for September 1988. If you know of prospective students, please get in touch with us. We promise to follow-up without delay.

You know that we faced a tremendous deficit this year. Our students were promised financial assistance in the form of university equivalent OSAP grants. When problems developed in the OSAP grant situation, we kept our promise to the students and gave them the assistance originally promised.

This placed before us a deficit of over \$500,000. Almost all of this money has been recovered through generous gifts and an unexpected Provincial Sales Tax rebate. This continued support makes us humble and grateful.

Slowly but surely, our Alumni will receive leadership positions in society. The future of Redeemer College looks bright as every year our graduates enter society. May your lives be a testimony to the value of a Christian education at home and at school.

We continue to be blessed, and want you to share in these blessings. Thank you for your shaping influence and for your confidence in us.

President Henry R. De Bolster

Tuition Lowered!

At a meeting on January 23rd the Board of Governors of Redeemer College voted to adopt a revised and simplified tuition structure for the fall of 1988.

According to the new plan, tuition will be calculated on a per course basis at the rate of \$585.00 per full course. Students taking a minimum number of eight courses per academic year will pay \$4,680 while those taking the normal maximum of ten courses will pay \$5,850 per year. Towards this tuition, all students will qualify for up to \$4,440 in grant assistance.

A student survey conducted in September 1987 partially influenced the change. Results indicated that a significant number of students prefer to choose a work load of less than ten courses per academic year.

The Redeemer Foundation, incorporated in July, 1987 guarantees to raise funds to make the lower tuition fee possible.

Kees Vreugdenhil, treasurer for the Board of Governors, indicated that the high cost of tuition has always been a concern. "I expect many more students will now be able to consider Redeemer College as a viable alternative," he said, and believes that with the reduction, Christian post-secondary education will become much more affordable for all students.

The minimum course requirement and new tuition rates are competitive with those of other major Christian universities and colleges.

Arts and Entertainment Scene

Community in Visual Expression

Ancaster, Ont., January 27, 1988 - From March 23 to April 8, Redeemer College will be hosting its annual, juried exhibition of visual art by artists from the Christian community.

The exhibition entitled "Community in Visual Expression" will feature works of trained and occasional artists and children, and will be selected for exhibit on the basis of artistic merit.

"We hope to promote and recognize quality visual arts by artists from the Christian community", says assistant professor Mary Leigh Morbey. Last year, she says, entries included paintings, silk screens, sculpture, and even computer related art. "We could even have video art," she adds, "and at some point we hope to incorporate performance, which is an interdisciplinary form of visual art."

Entries must be delivered to the front office at Redeemer College no later than February 26, 1988. Works must be titled and accompanied by the artist's name and address, medium, date, value (for insurance purposes), size (maximum 5' x 5'), and category. Entries must be properly prepared for exhibition, and should the artist desire to sell, they should be accompanied by a price.

The exhibition will be open to the public from March 23 - April 8, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Admission is free.

"Our Town" being produced by Redeemer

Ancaster, Ont., January 27, 1988 - Production is underway for the play "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder at Redeemer College.

The play, under the direction of York University graduate, Ray Louter, involves a cast of eight, and is being presented by the Redeemer College Theatre Arts Department. "What drew me to this play," says Professor Louter, "was observing that the events

represented in it were very much like the everyday events that take place right here in our own town."

The play depicts the lives of two families in small town America during the early 20's and evokes movingly, a way of life which is lost in our present turmoil. The Philadelphia Public Ledger describes it as "an exciting theatrical experience, moving in its drama, expressive in its philosophy and fascinating in its technique."

Performances of "Our Town" will take place on April 7, 8 and 9. Tickets at \$6.50 - adults, \$5.00 - students/seniors and \$15.00 - family and are available from Redeemer College.

Kirk and Patti Lytle Debut

On January 15th the Redeemer College auditorium was the scene of the Canadian debut of accomplished American actors, Kirk and Patti Lytle. The title for their theatrical creation was "Together Again for the Very First Time". Although student attendance was not high, there was a very good turnout from the community.

During the evening, the audience was treated to a performance in which great personalities from church history came alive before their eyes. Drama, music, beautiful costumes and a historically accurate performance were used to bring across the message that faithfulness characterized the great leaders in church history.

The performance included scenes from the domestic lives of Martin and Katie Luther, Charles Wesley and his fiancée Sally, Henry Beecher and his sister Harriet and Jim and Elizabeth Eliot. The scenes were interspersed by songs written by or concerning the persons just enacted.

The performance concluded with a message from Kirk in which he encouraged the audience to remain faithful and to follow the Lord throughout life. The Student Life Department is to be commended for having presented the Lytle theatrical production.

from the Crown

The Editor's Workbench

Advisory Council Meets

John Noordhof

On January 23rd, the Advisory Council of the Alumni Association met for the first time. Called by Willard VanderPloeg, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the establishment and goals of the Alumni Association. There was no set agenda; rather, there was a free discussion.

Part of the discussion focussed on the structure of the Association. It became evident that it will be part of Redeemer College and not have a separate identity. The basic reason is that we are not self-financing, but instead rely on Redeemer College for support.

While talking about money, the question of solicitation was raised. How much can we expect Alumni to give, and how soon? Should we have all Alumni donations separate or part of the whole College operations. Everyone was aware that we should not push for funds since many are still in the education process or paying off loans for their education. There was some concern that membership in the College should be encouraged for Alumni and that this should be the focus of any solicitation for now. No Alumni fee will be charged.

Images was also discussed. It was felt that Images should try to keep Alumni up to date on major developments happening at the College and equally important to keep each other up to date on where we all are. To that end, we strongly encourage you to fill in personal information about yourself (ie. marriage, birth, job change, etc.) so that it can be entered into Images. An Alumni directory was also seen as a possibility.

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Award Directory

Attention Graduate Students!

Looking for financial assistance to continue your studies? The Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada has released its biennial publication Directory of Awards for Graduate Study 1987. This directory gives you immediate access to more than 800 awards (including 255 awards tenable in francophone or bilingual institutions), in every area of study, to pursue graduate studies in Canada and elsewhere.

To order: Send \$15.50 to AUCC publications, 151 Slater St, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5N1

Advisory Council Meets cont.

We reminded ourselves that our Association is young and small so that we can do only a limited number of things. The suggestion of Alumni window stickers was a hit.

As for reunions, the 10th anniversary of the establishment of Redeemer College (1992) was seen as an opportune time for our first formal reunion. Informal summer reunions in the form of a camp-out is also foreseen. This camp-out will be for Alumni only (ie. not for present students) and at a location that will suit our needs.

We came to no firm decision on any particular matter (that was not our purpose). Instead, we talked about possibilities on several different matters so that we could set direction for future meetings.

If there is one thing that became clear, it was this: the Association will only be successful if we all do our part. The next meeting is scheduled for March 5th. The agenda includes discussion on fundraising, special events and constitution and bylaws.

Career Service Initiated

Statistics have shown that the vast majority of graduates from North American Colleges and Universities will not settle into a career job until approximately seven years into the work force. The majority of people seeking a career job will change jobs no less than 5 times in their life time.

For these reasons, the Student Services Department at Redeemer has started something they call Alumni Career Service.

Student Services at the College runs a Career Counselling service for senior students. Now, their services have been expanded to assist Alumni in their

career endeavours. Student Life is willing to stay in contact with potential employers for alumni and to inform them of new job opportunities when such information is requested by the alumnus.

Redeemer College Alumni Career Services:

- Updates on current placement information
- Will maintain complete placement file for 7 years
- Access to inexpensive resume typesetting
- Full career counselling services

Alumni Career Service is available to those who have registered with the Career Resource Centre, preferable before graduation from Redeemer College. Those who wish to participate after leaving the College might have to come to the campus to actually complete arrangements for the placement file.

To get in touch with Alumni Career Service contact:
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Jim Heuving and Ken Benjamins teach the crowd a Dutch song at the Winter Banquet, held January 29th.

The Personal Touch

Bruce Bos X83 married Melanie Chandler of Regina and the couple are both in first year law school at Osgoode Law School at York University. They would love to hear from old friends.

Tammy Plugers (Boer) X83 was blessed with twin sons in April, 1986. This past year, however, the boys were diagnosed as having a rare form of blood cancer. Please remember the Plugers in your prayers.

Wilma VanderLeek (Brus) X85 is teaching Bible and English in Fraser Valley Christian High.

Marian VanderMeer (Snyder) X85 and her husband John announce the birth of their first child, Jeremy on October 30, 1987. Marian and John now reside in Oshawa, Ontario.

Wayne Roorda X85 Graduated in December from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Honors). Wayne and Barb (Soepboer) X83, were also blessed with the birth of Amanda Leigh on August 30.

Sharon Dam 86 works for Christian Horizons in a group home for severely retarded young adults in Toronto, Ont.

Telford Matthew 86 received his MA in Church Education from Calvin Seminary in December. Telford now attends Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore Kentucky.

Sylvia Taekema (DeBruyn) 86 and her husband welcomed a new daughter, Christina, on July 7.

Harry Zantingh 86 is doing his internship at Whitby CRC. The Zantinghs now have 3 sons; Adam, Matthew and Joel.

Elizabeth Schinkel 87 has been accepted into the B. Ed program at McGill University.

Don Stelpstra 87 has accepted a position with Buntin Reid Papers in Mississauga as a management trainee.

Helen Vreugdenhil 87 has been accepted into the Masters history program at the University of Toronto without completing a qualifying year.

Coming soon...
(free of charge!)



The Alumni Window Sticker

Redeemer College
Alumni
lamb
pennant

red
yellow and red outline
white and black outline
red and yellow

Help!

make our alumni directory a success.

If we have your name or address printed on the mailing label incorrectly, send us your changes and keep our information accurate.

We'd love to see 100 % accuracy in our directory.

Deadline for submissions:
March 30th, 1988